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Newport Beach Civic Center Project Update
Parking Structure Bids Received

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. – On Tuesday evening, the Newport Beach City Council will consider approving and funding the next phase of the Civic Center project, which primarily involves construction of a 450-space parking structure.

The City Council will review and discuss the bids received, including a \$6.37 million bid from Bomel Construction, the lowest price submitted.

Bomel Construction's bid is \$1.65 million less than the City's April 2010 cost estimate for the parking structure and \$4.65 million less than initial estimates prepared during the design development phase of the project in late 2009. Value engineering and a competitive bid environment helped drive the price downward 15 to 20 percent. If accepted, Bomel's price would potentially save more than \$1.5 million in project costs.

The bids do not represent the final cost of the parking structure, but the contract with the construction manager, C.W. Driver, obligates C.W. Driver to deliver the final project at or below that cost. Please see page two for a list of all bids received and the initial and preliminary estimates.

"This is the second time in these early days of the Civic Center project when contractor pricing has come in below our estimates," explained Mayor Keith Curry. "In this case, this price is about 20 percent below what we thought it may cost back in April of this year. The City's chosen method of project delivery – having private-sector companies doing the work at a time when labor and material costs are low - is working well. We are cautiously optimistic that this is a precursor of more good pricing to come as the full project goes out to bid in late fall. "

Site preparation work for the Newport Beach Civic Center project began in May and the parking structure will be the first major constructed component of the project. The project includes a city hall building, one of the city's largest parks, expansion of the Newport Beach Central Library, and the parking structure.

"There is already a real need for more library parking as we've seen the Central Library's usage steadily increase, especially during the last few years," said City Manager Dave Kiff. "The new structure will have 100 spaces just for library patrons and the balance will serve the city hall and park visitors. It's an important benefit to the public at what appears to be a reasonable price."

For more information about the Civic Center project or the parking structure bids, please contact Steve Badum, public works director, at 949-644-3311.

BIDS RECEIVED

The following bids were received from prequalified contractors for the Newport Beach Civic Center parking structure.

Prequalified Design Assist / Build Contractors	Amount
Bomel Construction	\$6,367,000
McCarthy Builders	\$6,713,000
ARB Structures	\$6,894,361
Preliminary Estimate – Design Development Phase (4/27/10)	\$8,018,500
Preliminary Estimate – Schematic Design Phase (11/10/09 – value engineered and normalized)	\$11,021,000